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1. SUMMARY. REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVEN SUMMIT COUNTRIES MEETING JULY 27 AND 28 AGREED ON PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF WAYS TO PROMOTE NUCLEAR POWER AND NONPROLIFERATION. CONSENSUS DOCUMENT (SENT SEPTEL) WAS FINISHED IN FINAL EVENING SESSION MARKED BY CONTENTIOUS EXCHANGES BETWEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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CANADIANS AND FRENCH.

2. USDEL (AMB. SMITH, NYE, SIEVERING, BORIGHT, KELLY)
MET WITH DELEGATIONS FROM FRANCE (PAGNIEZ, GIRAUD),
UK (MOBERLY), CANADA (LABERGE), FRG (DITTMANN), JAPAN
(OKAWA) AND ITALY (FERRETTI) IN PARIS JULY 26 FOR
BILATERALS (WITH FRENCH, FRG, JAPAN AND CANADA) AND

JULY 27 AND 28 IN ALL-DAY SESSIONS OF THE SEVEN.

3. JULY 26 BILATERAL WITH FRENCH WAS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO SCENARIO TO BE FOLLOWED FOR MULTILATERAL MEETING. SMITH PRESSED FOR EXPEDITIOUS MOVEMENT OF MEETING, AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE INFORMALLY DRAFTING SUGGESTIONS EARLY NEXT DAY TO HELP FRENCH "SECRETARIAT" TO ARRIVE AT DRAFT TO BE REVIEWED BY ALL DELEGATIONS FOLLOWING INITIAL STATEMENTS. FRENCH PREOCCUPATION WITH CANADIAN URANIUM EXPORT HALT WAS CLEAR THROUGHOUT.

4. IN LUNCHEON HOSTED BY FRG DEL, USDEL WENT OVER MEETING SCENARIO. FRG HEAVILY EMPHASIZED NPT ARTICLE IV AND IMPOSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTANCE OF ANY DISCRIMINATION IN PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. ALTHOUGH DITTMANN USED AT TIMES AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE IN INFCE, IT IS REASONABLY CLEAR FRG HAS MADE DECISION TO PARTICIPATE.

5. BILATERAL WITH JAPANESE WAS HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR KITAHARA. JAPANESE DEL RAISED TOKAI ISSUE (SEE SEPTEL) AND DOUBLE CONTROLS. ON THE LATTER, USDEL STATED WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARD SOLUTION BUT NOTED POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE CONSTRAINTS WITHIN WHICH US MUST OPERATE.

6. BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH CANADIANS MADE CLEAR THAT, CONFIDENTIAL

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AT LEAST AT THIS LEVEL, CANADIANS CANNOT SEE THAT TRUDEAU/SCHMIDT MEETING PRODUCED ANY SOLUTION TO URANIUM EXPORT IMPASSE. THEY NOTED THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE MAJOR PROBLEMSC. CONSENT TO REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT, CONSENT TO RETRANSFER, (AND THE FRENCH PROBLEM), AND SAFEGUARDS COVERAGE OF TECHNOLOGY. RE DOUBLE CONTROL PROBLEM WITH JAPANESE, CANADIANS CONSIDER RECENT JAPANESE PROPOSAL "NON-STARTER."

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7 IN JULY 27 MULTILATERAL MEETING, US STATEMENT STRESSED KEY ROLE OF INFCE IN REACHING CONSENSUS ON NUCLEAR POWER AND NONPROLIFERATION POLICIES. FRG, JAPAN AND ITALY ALL EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF NPT AND NONDISCRIMINATION. UK REITERATED CALL FOR FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS.

8 AFTER LUNCH HOSTED BY FRENCH, DRAFT PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS BASED LARGELY ON EARLIER (FRENCH) DRAFT, INCORPORATING SOME US SUGGESTIONS, WAS CIRCULATED. DURING FIRST READING, MAIN DIFFICULTIES WERE: CONFIDENTIAL

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- FRENCH (AS WELL AS FRG AND ITALIAN) DESIRE FOR LANGUAGE SAYING RESTRICTIONS ON URANIUM SUPPLY SHOULD BE AVOIDED AND CANADIAN REFUSAL TO ACCEPT SUCH LANGUAGE.
- ITALIAN, GERMAN AND JAPANESE DESIRE FOR LANGUAGE WHICH MADE CLEAR THAT ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING PLANTS IN THEIR COUNTRIES WERE ACCEPTABLE, AND US RESISTANCE TO IMPLICATION THAT SUCH PLANTS WERE ACCEPTABLE EVERYWHERE, IF SAFEGUARDED.
 - FRENCH DESIRE TO INCLUDE VERY NEGATIVE VIEWS

ON PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL CYCLES.

- CANADIAN ATTEMPTS TO AVOID LANGUAGE ON NON-PROLIFERATION MEASURES TO BE APPLIED TO REPROCESSING PLANTS, ON GROUNDS THIS IMPLIES SUCH PLANTS SHOULD EXIST AND THEREFORE PREJUDGES INFCE.

9. COMPLETION OF DRAFT AND "SECOND READING" CARRIED OUT JULY 28. ISSUES DESCRIBED IN PARA 8 CONTINUED TO BE MAIN PROBLEMS. LAST ISSUE REMAINING IN EVENING, WITH KEY DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING US) ABOUT TO LEAVE, WAS DEGREE TO WHICH LANGUAGE WOULD IMPLY CRITICISM OF CANADIAN EXPORT POLICY AND SAY THAT RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE AVOIDED. GIRAUD BLUNTLY ASKED THAT CANADIANS ADMIT NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF SUCH RESTRICTIONS, AND LABERGE IN INCREASINGLY BITTER RESPONSES CLAIMED CANADIAN POLICY DATED FROM 1974 AND THAT THEY HAD ACCEPTED REPEATED DELAYS FOR AGREEMENT ON CONDITIONS.

 $10.\ AFTER$ BRIEF BREAK TO ALLOW RECONSIDERATION (DURING CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH GIRAUD PRIVATELY DENOUNCED CANADIANS AS "NOT FRIENDS" OF FRANCE, AND CANADIANS PRIVATELY SAID FRENCH DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT CANADIAN DOMESTIC SITUATION COULD EASILY LEAD TO ABANDONMENT OF EXPORT), MEETING RESUMED WITH FRENCH AND ITALIANS ASKING FOR BRACKETED INCLUSION OF PREVIOUSLY REJECTED LANGUAGE. NYE THEN SUGGESTED FINAL TRY AT COMPROMISE ON BASIS OF LANGUAGE WHICH, WHILE NOTING NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON ENERGY PROGRAMS OF SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS, INCLUDED ALL "NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY" AND NOT JUST "URANIUM SUPPLY," THUS NOT SINGLING OUT CANADIANS. THIS COMPROMISE WAS ACCEPTED.

11. USDEL, IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AND AT END OF MULTILATERAL MEETING OBTAINED CONFIRMATION THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO CONVEYING TO INFCE INVITEES TERMS OF REFERENCES AND ORGANIZATIONAL POINTS DRAFTED IN JUNE SUMMIT EXPERTS GROUP MEETING. THIS WOULD BE REPRESENTED AS US PRODUCT BASED ON COMMENTS RECEIVED USDEL ALSO SAID POSSIBILITY OF EARLY OCTOBER INTERNATIONALL MEETING WOULD BE RAISED. NONE OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS VOLUNTEERED FOR SPECIFIC "LEAD COUNTRY" ROLES, BUT UK, JAPAN AND FRG SAID THEY ARE DECIDING WHAT AREAS TO TAKE.

12. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT NUCLEAR RELATIONS
BETWEEN CANADA AND URANIUM RECIPIENTS ARE VERY
STRAINED. THIS PROBLEM IS LIKELY TO CAUSE CONTINUING
DIFFICULTIES IN ARRIVING AT CONSENSUS AS WORK ON INFCE

PROGRESSES. ON OTHER HAND, AT LEAST SOME OF FRENCH DEL PRIVATELY IMPLY FRENCH WILL PARTICIPATE IN INFCE AND FRG REPS WERE EVEN MORE POSITIVE. END COMMENT. HARTMAN

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